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Alaska fisheries.

Mr. Archie W. Shiels,
Pacific American Fisheries,
South Bellingham, Washington.

Dear Mr. Shiels:

Referring to our recent discussion at Seattle, Washington, in which you referred to conversation with Mr. Timson regarding certain salmon fishing activities at places known as the "Slide" and Waterfall" near Karluk, Alaska, in the season of 1923, there are enclosed herewith copies of permit No. 58-1923, dated December 22, 1922, and supplementary permit thereto dated February 24, 1923, issued to the Robinson Packing Corporation. In addition, there is enclosed a copy of permit No. 87-1923, issued March 21, 1923, to the Alitak Packing Company. The latter permit cancelled and superseded permit No. 59, issued to the Alaska Packers' Association on December 22, 1922, and permit No. 60, dated December 22, 1922, together with a supplementary permit dated January 3, 1923, issued to the Alitak Packing Company.

It will be noted from the supplementary permit issued February 24, 1923, that the Robinson Packing Corporation was granted the right, in the season of 1923, to operate one beach seine of not to exceed 250 fathoms in length "on the beach locally known as the 'Slide' or 'Waterfall' located approximately 2 miles in a northeasterly direction from Karluk." The wording of this part of the supplementary permit caused some controversy between representatives in Alaska of the Robinson Packing Corporation and the Alaska Packers' Association. As a result, on June 9, 1923, I wired Mr. Russell at the Seattle Office to convey telegraphic notice to interested persons that when granting the supplementary permit of February 24 the Department assumed that the "Slide" was the place of operation, but that reference was made in the permit to the other supposed location named "Waterfall" which it was intended meant the same place as the "Slide". By this time it had become clear that "Waterfall" and the "Slide" were two distinct and separate places, more than a mile apart, where salmon fishing operations had been conducted.

In a letter to the Bureau dated February 15, 1923, the Robinson Packing Company said they would be satisfied with one beach seine south of Cape Uyak; they also said in the same letter that the "Slide" was the place where they would want to operate this seine.

The two companies worked out a local agreement whereby the Alaska Packers' Association operated at "Waterfall" and the Robinson Packing Corporation operated

at the "Slide" in 1923. The sworn returns on file here show that at "Waterfall" the Alaska Packers' Association caught 3,531 coho, 298 chum, 120 king, and 37,267 red salmon. The sworn returns of the Robinson Packing Corporation show a catch at the "Slide" of 1,390 coho, 460 chum, 2,693 humpback, 37 king, and 56,959 red salmon. The sworn returns of the Alitak Packing Company show no catch of salmon at either "Waterfall" or the "Slide" in 1923.

I hope that the information conveyed by this communication will be helpful to you and to Mr. Timson in regard to the matter which you have had under discussion recently.

A copy of this letter and its enclosures will be sent to Mr. Timson.

Very truly yours,

(s) Henry O'Malley

Commissioner.

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Enclosures.

Copy to Mr. Timson.